Fall Semester Intern – Part-time (Remote)
San Antonio, TX

ABOUT THE SOUTHSIDE FIRST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
The Southside First Economic Development Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to serve as the voice for economic prosperity, community bridging, and responsible development for South San Antonio/Bexar County and the surrounding areas.

Established in 2017, Southside First began as an initiative of the South San Antonio Chamber of Commerce Foundation, with the focus of promoting economic development and community leadership on San Antonio’s southside. Today, Southside First continues to evolve and serves the small businesses, neighborhoods, and community corridors that encompass the southside. Southside First continues to focus on economic and community development strategies to improve the economic, educational, and social opportunities for businesses and residents in South San Antonio/Bexar County.

In 2019, Southside First, with support from the City of San Antonio, began a pilot neighborhood program focusing on two Southside neighborhoods: Mission San Jose and the Quintana community. The Southside First Economic Development Council surveyed the Mission San Jose neighborhood residents and small business owners. The survey is the foundation of the Southside First Pilot Neighborhood Program.

Southside First’s programming includes:

- Technical Assistance and Outreach. Southside First provides outreach and technical assistance to small business owners in San Antonio’s Southside including the Bexar County Strong Small & Micro Business Relief Grant Program and the City of San Antonio COVID Recovery Grant Program beginning in June 2020 to the present.
- Center for Research. The Center for Research component of Southside First’s programming focuses on gathering data to responsibly inform our work in San Antonio’s Southside and to serve as a resource to external partners and the community.
- (Pre-COVID) ¡Échale Gas! Small Business Workshops. The workshops inform and assist Southside residents and business owners to begin and expand their operations. Southside First develops the training schedule and the curriculum promotes and markets the events, and surveys participants. Events have been held monthly in public locations throughout the Southside.

JOB PURPOSE
The intern will assist with carrying out Southside First’s program initiatives, to include community outreach, research, and database management. The intern will support outreach to small business owners to gather information from them, provided needed wraparound services including information on local, state, and federal resources, grant support opportunities, financial resources, safe business operations, and the needed business resource connections.
and business networking to help them successfully navigate the ongoing business challenges presented by COVID-19.

The intern will be under the general guidance and supervision of the Executive Director. This position coordinates diverse communication with business owners and stakeholders. The qualified candidate must be an experienced and organized leader, with excellent people skills, and an exemplary work ethic.

Responsibilities

- Support in small business outreach
- Maintain Southside First’s newsletter
- Engage and empower members of underrepresented communities
- Maintain a database of current program contacts and resources
- Establish and maintain relationships with key stakeholders, to include stakeholders along business corridors in the southside
- Identify effective advocacy strategies to reach business owners and community members
- Gather community feedback to evaluate delivery and effectiveness
- Assist with updating and maintaining the website
- Assist with promoting the mission and vision of Southside First through social media
- Assist with answering calls, responding to email inquiries, proofreading documents, and managing a calendar of events as needed
- Identify and stay abreast of current and emerging trends in community & economic development
- Develop a good understanding of institutional history, programs, and needs of the SSF and its constituents
- Assist in supporting the SSF Center for Research
- Other related duties as assigned
- Supervisory Duties: No

Qualifications & Skills

- Currently enrolled in a college or university
- Bilingual (English and Spanish) preferred
- Excellent Microsoft Office skills
- Demonstrable competency in community outreach
- Ability to communicate effectively with individuals and groups regarding complex or public policy issues or service as well as establishing and maintaining effective working relations with elected officials, staff, and the community
- Excellent interpersonal and organizational abilities
- Aptitude in decision-making and problem-solving
- Strong organizational ability, attention to detail, time-management skills
- Ability to work independently and with team members while respectfully managing differences, opposing perspectives, opinions, and interests
- Ability to write clearly and concisely
- Basic filing and record-keeping methods and procedures
Additional Requirements
- Outreach may require in-person work such as flyering
- Able to safely lift or carry items weighing up to 20 pounds
- Valid driver’s license and vehicle for outreach in the community

Compensation and Benefits
- Weekly pay
- On the job mileage reimbursable at the IRS rate

To Apply:
Send a resume and cover letter to: judith@southsa.org

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